

Message

From: Roach, Mike [Roach.Michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/8/2015 8:17:11 PM
To: Minter, Douglas [Minter.Douglas@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Question on DB

Douglas,

I've received and understand your last VM. If there's anything more I can do to assist please let me know.

Cheers,
Mike

From: Minter, Douglas
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Roach, Mike; Shea, Valois
Cc: Jackson, Scott
Subject: RE: Question on DB

Thanks Mike: again, this is all very helpful.

douglas

From: Roach, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 9:18 AM
To: Minter, Douglas; Shea, Valois
Subject: RE: Question on DB

Douglas,

Thanks for the additional info; we did not have a copy of the SEIS.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Cheers,
Mike

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From: Minter, Douglas
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Shea, Valois; Roach, Mike
Subject: FW: Question on DB

Thanks Valois.

Mike: take a look at the attached excerpt and Valois' response below. It does specifically mention a proposed agreement with the White Mesa facility. Let me know if you have any additional thoughts, etc. This would certainly be of interest to the Ute Mtn Ute and may be a major factor in whether they choose to consult with EPA on this project, notwithstanding Powertech's capacity to mill uranium locally.

Douglas

From: Shea, Valois
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Minter, Douglas
Subject: RE: Question on DB

Hi Douglas,
Yes, Powertech does have a plan to dispose of radioactive waste offsite. The info is in the SEIS. The attached document contains excerpts from the SEIS describing the sources of radioactive waste and the disposal plan.

The SEIS is stored on the I drive at
\\C0808F03EC005\Shar3\30 Day Share\Valois\Dewey Burdock\NRC Documents\SEIS

And yes Powertech will have the ability to remove the uranium from the pregnant lixiviant at the Burdock central processing plant and the Dewey satellite facility and process the yellow cake in the Burdock central processing plant.

Valois

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From: Minter, Douglas
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Shea, Valois
Subject: Question on DB

Hi. Hope things are continuing to go well with your parents this week.

In response to our consultation letter, I got a voicemail from the Ute Mtn Ute Env. Dir. with questions regarding the disposition of off-site radioactive waste disposal from the DB project. I shared this voicemail with Mike Roach in the RCRA program and his response back to me should go a long way in helping me respond to this call for ISR sites generally.

I can share this voicemail with you, but my question is: for DB, does Powertech specifically plan to dispose of any radioactive (including uranium-bearing) wastes it generates off-site? If so, where does it plan to send those wastes? This would include treatment wastes generated prior to deep (Class V) well disposal. Also, I am correct that Powertech will have milling capacity at the DB site for extracting uranium from their waste streams?

Thanks!

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